Steps taken to locate missing persons

208. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of details due to the Tsunami, State and UT-wise till date;

(b) the number of missing persons due to Tsunami, State and UT-wise till date; and

(c) the steps taken to locate missing people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. RAGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Based on the information received from the affected States/UTs details of loss of lives and missing persons, due to the Tsunami disaster of 26th December 2004, are as under.

States/UTs	Lives lost	Missing persons
Andhra Pradesh	105	11
Kerala	171	Nil
Tamil Nadu	8009	Nil
Pondicherry	593	48
Andaman & Nicobar islands	1395	5764
TOTAL	10273	5823

(c) The concerned State Governments/UT Administrations with the assistance of Armed Forces and Central Para Military Forces are engaged in locating the missing persons.

Inspection of Tsunami hit areas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

209. SHRI SAN JAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central team have inspected the area in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which was worst affected by the Tsunami;